

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All letters should be addressed to the Editor, c/o Excalibur, room 111 Central Square. They must be double-spaced, typed and limited to 250 words. Excalibur reserves the right to edit for length and grammar. Name and address must be included for legal purposes but the name will be withheld upon request. Deadline: Mon. 4 p.m.

## "free chevron" is not the most democratic political force at Waterloo, says U. W. student

I find it interesting that you describe the free chevron as "the University of Waterloo's student newspaper". I know that you cannot mean that that is its legal position—the chevron was legally Waterloo's student newspaper until September, when it was closed down. It has not published since. There are currently two "chevrons" on campus, the "free chevron" and the "real chevron", and, since neither paper has legal status or will have anything to do with the other, it is inaccurate to describe the staff or either or both as "chevron staffers".

Since the free chevron has not legal status as the student newspaper, it must be making such a claim on the moral grounds that it is supported by the students at Waterloo. This is certainly the view of its staff, a view which seems to be shared by Varsity, Excalibur, and the Canadian University Press (CUP).

A referendum was held to decide many issues regarding a student newspaper, including whether or not the chevron should be reinstated. On this question, the vote

was 2276 to 224 AGAINST reinstatement. I wouldn't exactly call getting less than 9 per cent of the vote an overwhelming endorsement of the free chevron.

It is true that the free chevron tried to organize a boycott of the referendum, claiming that its position of "Reinstate! Investigate!" was not adequately represented. Some measure of the success of this boycott can be determined by the turnout in the subsequent presidential election.

In that election, the free chevron actively encouraged everyone to vote for the candidate whom they had endorsed — the only candidate to advocate reinstatement. Despite the endorsement, that candidate received less than 25 per cent of the vote; more to the point, the voter turnout was LESS than that for the referendum which the free chevron had boycotted.

The slogan of "Reinstate! Investigate!" can also be revealed for the sham it is. The free chevron rejected its chances of reinstatement. Then, when the UW federation asked CUP to conduct an investigation, said investigation

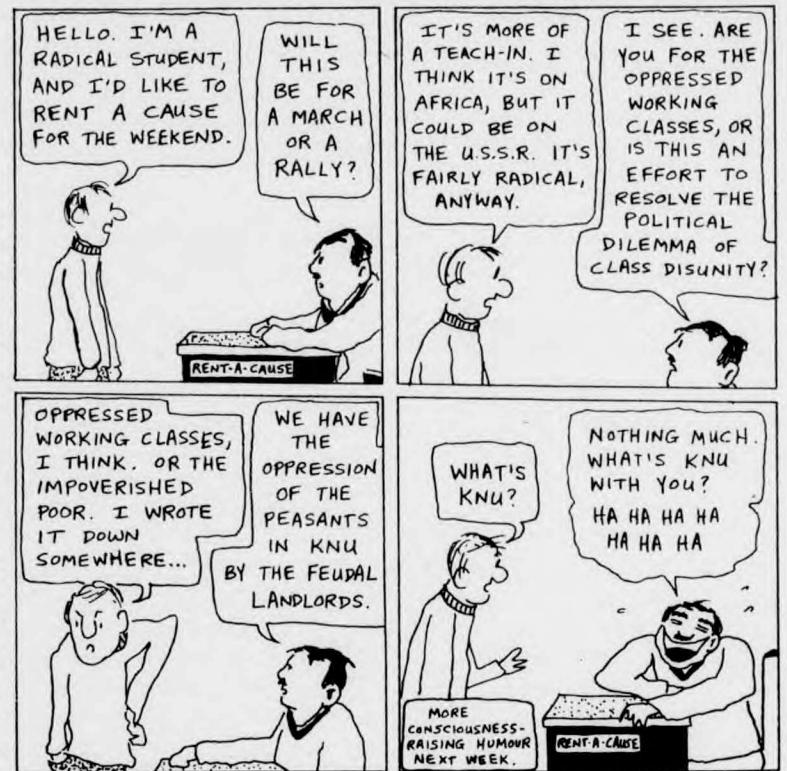
could not be held because the free chevron declined to nominate a representative. No mention was made of this fact when you mentioned that CUP endorsed the free chevron's position, but, then, it probably wasn't mentioned at the CUP meeting either — you can fool some of the people all of the time.

Let's examine some further student support for the free chevron, specifically, the recent federation council elections.

It was fed council which suspended the chevron, and it must be fed council which reinstates it, so a lot of free chevron supporters ran in the elections. In Co-op Math, the two free chevron candidates for the two positions gathered 20 per cent of the vote between them, losing solidly to two candidates who opposed reinstatement. In regular math, the situation was virtually identical (although the free chevrics did somewhat better — 37 per cent). In Arts, where it was expected that the free chevron would have support, if it had any, a free chevric was indeed elected — five candidates were running for four seats, and the free chevron

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candidate finished fourth, one vote ahead of the fifth-place candidate. St. Jerome's College represented the free chevron's only real victory — a candidate supporting them received 97 of the 105 votes cast.

As to the ludicrous claim that the free chevron "is the most democratic political force on campus", unless democracy is

defined as "taking a stand agreeing with the free chevron", the claim is groundless. Loss in election after election would be construed by anyone in any neutral position as DEMOCRATICALLY rejecting the free chevron's position.

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Waterloo Student

## On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to the Communications Department, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

### FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

**Today, 12 noon** — Jazz Concert (Music) featuring The Star Smashers of the Galaxy Rangers Laboratory Big Band with vocalist Sharon Smith-Vanier Dining Hall.

**4 pm** — Sylvester's - featuring York Improvisation Agreement-201, Stong

**4 pm** — Calumet Free Films — "Minimata" - Calumet Common Room, Atkinson

**7 pm** — Free Film Series (Film) "Two or Three Things I Know About Her" (Jean Luc Godard; France, 1967) — L, Curtis

**7:30 pm** — War Film Series (Humanities, Stong Cultural Committee) "The War Game" - JCR, Stong

**7:30 pm** — Play (Theatre) "Separate Tables"; free tickets from Burton Box Office-Atkinson Studio

**8 pm** — Play (Glendon Dramatic Arts Program) "King Lear" - admission \$3.00 - Glendon Theatre

**Friday, 2 pm & 7:30 pm** — Play (Theatre) see Thurs. at 7:30 pm

**8 pm** — Play (Glendon Dramatic Arts Program) see Thurs. at 8 pm

**9 pm** — Orange Snail Coffee House - featuring Scott Griffiths-107, Stong

**Saturday, 7:30 pm** — Play (Theatre) see Thurs. at 7:30 pm

**8 pm** — Play (Glendon Dramatic Arts Program) see Thurs. at 8 pm

**8 pm** — Concert (Music) an evening of west African Drumming featuring Abraham Adzenyah (master drummer from Ghana), assisted by Bob Becker, Russell Wartenberger and the York African Percussion Workshop - Calumet Common Room, Atkinson

**8:30 pm** — Bethune Movies - "The Ritz" - admission \$1.50 - L, Curtis

**9 pm** — Orange Snail Coffee House - see Fri. at 9 pm

**Sunday, 8 pm** — Play (Glendon Dramatic Arts Program) see Thurs. at 8 pm

**8:30 pm** — Bethune Movies - see Sat. at 8:30 pm

**Monday, 8 pm** — Play (Glendon Dramatic Arts Program) see Thurs. at 8 pm

**8:30 pm** — Student Recital (Music) featuring Ann Wild (Bassoon) - 016, McLaughlin

**Tuesday, 2 pm** — Free Art Films (Calumet) "Grandeur and Obedience" - 109, Atkinson

**4 pm** — Sylvester's - live jazz at 9 pm - 201, Stong

**7 pm** — Winters Music Series - a concert of Medieval Music featuring the Early Music

Studio and the Renaissance Band - SCR, Winters

**8 pm** — Play (Glendon Dramatic Arts Program) see Thurs. at 8 pm Wednesday, 4-6 pm - Concert (Music) a second concert of 20th Century music by the York Contemporary Music Ensemble - F, Curtis

**8 pm** — Concert (Music) "Closing the Baroque Season" with orchestra, harpsichord, chamber music - SCR, McLaughlin

**8 pm** — Play (Glendon Dramatic Arts Program) see Thurs. at 8 pm

### SPECIAL LECTURES

**Today, 1-4 pm** — Glendon Workshop on University Teaching (Glendon, D.O.T.S.) discussions on: using a variety of techniques; the teacher - student relationship - 247, York Hall

**4 pm** — Applied Numerical Methods Seminar Series - "Some Pitfalls in Computation" with Walter Gautschi, University of Wisconsin-N203, Ross

**4 pm** — Panel Discussion (History Students Association) on career information - participants will be present from the History Department and the Career Centre - SCR, Founders

**4 pm** — Physics Seminar Series - "Recent Results on Electron Beam Controlled Discharge CO2 Lasers" with Dr. I.B. Kovsh, P.N. Lebedev Physical Institute, Moscow - 317, Petrie

**7:30 - 10:30 pm** — Communications and Interpersonal Relationships (CCE) "Professionals and the Family of the Exceptional Child" with Doreen Kronick - general admission \$6.00; \$4.00 for students - 107, Stedman

**Friday, 1 pm** — Guest Speakers (Faculty of Administrative Studies) "Performance Measurement" with Mr. Barry Blair and Mr. Stan Dubas, both of the Treasury Board, Ottawa-Senate Chamber (S915), Ross

**3 pm** — Psychology Colloquium - "Depression and Learned Helplessness: Recent Developments" with Dr. Martin Seligman, University of Pennsylvania - Senate Chamber (S915), Ross

**4 pm** — Applied Numerical Methods Seminar Series - "Condition Numbers for Systems of Linear Algebraic Equations" with Walter Gautschi, University of Wisconsin - N203, Ross

**4 pm** — Political Science Seminar - "Constitutional Democracy as a Normative

Model" with Arend Lijphart, University of Leiden-110, Curtis

**2-4 pm** — Ethnic Research Program Seminar Series - "Income Inequality in Canada: Ethnic and Generational Aspects" with York Professor Anthony E. Richmond - 103, Admin. Studies Bldg.

**4:30 p.m.** — Biology Research Seminar - "DNA polymerase activity of SV 40 replicating chromosomes" with Dr. Mary Jo Evans, Roswell Institute, SUNY (Buffalo) - 320, Farquharson

**Tuesday, 4:30 pm** — Gerstein Lecture Series - "The Learning Environment" is the theme of the 15th annual series - Canadian geologist, J. Tuzo Wilson, Director-General of the Ontario Science Centre and distinguished lecturer at the University of Toronto, is guest speaker - Moot Court, Osgoode Hall Law School

**8 pm** — Guest Speaker (Atkinson Philosophy, Graduate Programs in Philosophy (Arts), Social and Political Thought, Philosophy (Arts) and Philosophy (Glendon) "Decision Analysis and the Phenomenology of Action" with Professor Hubert L. Dreyfus, University of California at Berkeley; commentator - Glendon Professor Ann MacKenzie - SCR, Glendon

**Wednesday, 12 noon** — Panel Discussion (York Womens' Centre) on the controversial family law proposals - participants: Simon Fodden, York Law Professor; York Psychology Professor, Dr. Esther Greenglass; Honourable Larry Grossman, MPP, St. Andrew-St. Patrick, Parliamentary Assistant in the Ministry of the Attorney-General; and Toronto lawyer Harriet Sachs - moderator: Lynn Gordon, Chairman, Ontario Status on Women - Moot Court, Osgoode

**1 pm** — Public Lecture - "Canadian Literature in Canadian Universities" with York English Professor Miriam Waddington; part of a series of lectures entitled "To Know Ourselves" - West Hall, University College, University of Toronto.

**4 pm** — Canadian Association of Physicists Lecture 1977 - "Inside from the Outside" with Professor Donald W. L. Sprung, Dean of the Faculty of Science, McMaster University - A, Stedman

**4:30 pm** — Chemistry Seminar Series - "New Chemical and Physiological Perspectives in the Development of Powerful Non-Narcotic Analgesics" with Dr. B. Belleau, McGill University - 320,

Farquharson.

**7:45 pm** — Women: The Past (Faculty of Arts, York Colleges) "Priscilla Wakeneid (1751-1832): Quaker Botanist and Educator" with Atkinson Humanities Professor Ann B. Shteir-Vanier Dining Hall.

**CLUBS, MEETINGS**

**Today, 12 noon - 2 pm** — Computer Science Students Association-325, Bethune

**2-4:45 pm** — Winters Chess Club - 030A, Winters

**3 pm** — Linguistics Information Meeting - regarding courses and programs for 1977-78 - S562, Ross

**Friday, 2-5:30 pm** — Winters Chess Club - 030A, Winters

**Sunday, 1-3:15 pm** — Tennis Club - Main Gym, Tait McKenzie

**7:30 pm** — Israeli Folk Dancing (Jewish Student Federation) 202, Vanier

**Monday, 1 pm** — Akido Class - Judo Room, Tait McKenzie

**7-8 pm** — Eckankar - S130, Ross

**7, 8 & 9 pm** — Yoga Class - 202, Vanier

**7:30 pm** — York Bridge Club - Vanier Dining Hall

**Tuesday, 12 noon & 1 pm** — Y.U.S.A. General Meetings - E, Curtis

**6 pm** — Gay Alliance at York - 227, Bethune

**Wednesday, 12 noon-1 pm** — Intermediate Yoga Class - Atkinson Common Room

**1-2 pm** — York Christian Womens' Fellowship - Religious Centre

**6 pm** — York Christian Fellowship - Religious Centre

**8 pm** — York Motorcycle Owners' Association - Common Room, N.4, Assiniboine Road (meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month).

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Today, 12 noon** — Non-Denomination Worship Service - Religious Centre

**Friday, 5 pm** — Sabbath Services (Jewish Student Federation) Religious Centre.

**Monday, 12 noon** — Noon Mass - each Monday, Tuesday, Friday - Religious Centre.

**12 noon** — Visual Art From the Bible - 223, Stong

**Tuesday, 9 am-4:30 pm** — Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation - call Chaplain Judt at 661-7838 or 633-2158

**10 am-12 noon** — Religious Counselling - each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - call Rev. P. John Varghese at -3055-345, Stong.